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14 August 2003

Re: International Application No. PCT/JP99/05273

Dear Mr. Smith,

I refer to the above-mentioned international application in which only the United States of America has been designated.

According to PCT Article 64(2)(b), and since the applicant did not file a specific request to do so, this international application has not been published by the International Bureau. Nevertheless, the International Bureau, pursuant to PCT Article 20(1)(a) and Rule 47.1(a) and (b), should have communicated a copy of the international application to the designated Office. The Article 20 communication should have taken place within the time limit under Rule 47.1(b), that is, not later than 19 months from the priority date.

However, due to an oversight, the International Bureau failed to send a copy of the international application to the USPTO as a designated Office within that time limit. Only following several requests from the USPTO (by e-mail of 17 June 2002 and 11 July 2002), have Forms PCT/IB/349 and PCT/IB/308 been sent to DO/US (on 26 July 2002).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Reischle".

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